
FEBRUARY 7, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill [H. R. No. 404] to organize a Board for the settlement of claims against the Government, to increase the duties of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Retrenchment, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To abolish the offices of Second Comptroller and that of one of the Auditors of the War Department, and to regulate the duties of certain other offices.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 *from and after the first day of January next, the offices of*
4 *Second Comptroller, and one of the Auditors of the War*
5 *Department shall be, and the same are hereby, abolished.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be the*
2 *duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, to assign to any other*
3 *officer or officers of the Treasury, a portion of the duties now*
4 *discharged by the First Comptroller, and to assign to that of-*
5 *ficer the duties heretofore performed by the Second Comp-*
6 *troller.*

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be the*
2 *duty of the Secretaries of the State, Treasury, Navy, and War De-*
3 *partments to arrange and distribute the duties now dischar-*

ged by the Auditors, among four only, and to assign one to each Department.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That no charge for newspapers or periodical works shall be allowed in any of the public offices, except those occupied by the Secretaries of the different Departments, by the Commissioners of the Navy, and by the Commissary General of Subsistence.